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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
4,868,684	09/19/1989	Suzuki
5,144,338	09/01/1992	Sakano
5,784,091	07/21/1998	Ema et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
2000-125128	04/28/2000	Japan

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). The English language abstract and English translation of the Japanese reference is also attached. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application. A copy of an Office Action issued in a corresponding German application which cited the Japanese reference and provides an explanation of its possible relevance is attached for the Examiner's reference.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

The Applicant or Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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